1893.03(d) of the MPEP, "[e]xaminers are reminded that unity of invention (not restriction) practice is applicable...in national stage (filed under 35 U.S.C. 371) applications." Applicants submit that the claims meet the unity of invention standard for national stage applications because these claims express a single inventive concept. Accordingly, because the claims meet the applicable standard for unity of invention, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and consider all of the pending claims.

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